GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MSP FOR RABI CROPS
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the Minimum Support Price of Rabi crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to further increase MSP for the Rabi crops inthe States which are affected by drought, cyclone and any other natural calamity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): The Government has recently announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) ofRabi Crops for the year 2002-03 to be marketed in 2003-04. The Government has also announced the payment of one time special drought relief, over and above the MSPs fixed for rabi crops, payable all over the country to the farmers selling their produce to the designated Central Nodal Agencies. Details are as under:

(Rs. per quintal)

Commodity	MSP for 2002-03	One time special drought relief
Wheat	620	10
Barley	500	5
Gram	1220	5
Rapeseed/Mustard	1330	10
Safflower	1300	5
Masur	1320	5
Toria	1295	10